(b) if so, the details thereof, with the dates of pendency, including amount involved;

(c) to which States the pending projects pertain; and

(d) by when approval to the projects would be conveyed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The list of pending projects and pending proposals for release of funds under existing schemes is given in the Annexure. [See *Appendix 190, Annexure No. 33*]

(c) and (d) The projects indicated in the Annexure are State-wide in nature. [See *Appendix 190, Annexure No. 33*]

Ex-Military Personnel in Delhi Hospitals

2226. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ex-military personnel serving as physicians, radiologists and other in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital, separately, as on date;

(b) whether they have been given benefits of their past military service in their assignments, for seniority in promotion, allotment of Government accommodation and counting that period for pension purposes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The names of the ex-military personnel working as doctors in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital are as under:—

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

1. Dr. S.K. Minocha, Consultant in Medicine.
2. Dr. B.B. Sharma, Radiologist.
3. Dr. V.K. Kapoor, CMO.

4. Dr. P.K. Banerjee, Consultant in Dental

5. Dr. S.K. Suri, Sr. Staff Surgeon (Dental)

Safdarjung Hospital

1. Dr. (Major) Chintamani, Surgeon, Department of Surgery.

2. Dr. Chandrakant, Medical Officer, Department of Forensic Medicine.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

HIV/AIDS Cases

2227. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HIV/AIDS cases that have come to notice of Government during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether HIV infected persons are increasing;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have seen the latest report of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and WHO;

(e) if so, whether Government have examined the report; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to implement suggestions made in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) the estimated number of HIV infections in the country are 3.5 million in mid 1998. As the report number of HIV infections are under reported estimated figures of HIV infections are used as working figures.

AIDS cases—	
1998—	1548
1999—	3273
2000— (till June 30th)	2423